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"To Make the Best Better"

Boys'
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DIVIDENDS DECLARED

"Fortunate is the hand that is skilled in work; fortunate the mind that recognizes honest toil everywhere; fortunate the heart that is so trained that it recognizes true worth in others regardless as to where that worth may be found; fortunate the body that has been so trained and developed that it can meet any legitimate demand that is made upon it. To fulfill these and give them their highest efficiency is part of club work. These are the largest dividends that the organization is willing and anxious to declare, to any and all members who are able to qualify.

"Aside from these, there are still other remunerations. These boys and girls are learning to take care of themselves. They learn how to make an honest living. If they follow the teaching, they will never be among those who are constantly looking for a job. They will be able to make a job for themselves and hold it. Club work does more, it points the way to a life work with all of the satisfaction that this implies.

"If this country could be assured that every able-bodied individual could be so schooled and trained to secure for himself, through his own efforts, a good clean, honest living, what an accomplishment that would be. How many now difficult problems of society would immediately disappear. Club work is a long step in the direction of realizing such a condition."

From "Dividends Which 4-H Club Work Declares to Its Members," radio talk, Leonard Hegnauer, State College of Washington, over station KOMO, noon, December 7, 1927.

SECOND
NATIONAL
CLUB



CAMP

June 21-26, 1928.

Coming! Coming!

Bernice Holloway, Faulkner County,
Ark.

Lula Roberson, Ouachita County,
Ark.

William Simpson, Crittenden County,
Ark.

Montie Rippy, Sebastian County,
Ark.

Who else is coming?

coming to the

SECOND NATIONAL CLUB CAMP?

"I," says Mrs. Harriet F. Johnson, State girls' club agent, South Carolina. At least she writes that she trusts she will be able to come and thereby starts the GOING-TO-WASHINGTON CLUB for the State extension agents.

"One," says South Dakota, "One club member will be sent to the second national club camp by THE EVENING HURONITE, of Huron, S. Dak." THE EVENING HURONITE runs a page of club news regularly and doubtless wants an exclusive inside story of the camp for its readers. Its representative is hereby cordially invited to use the press tent facilities on the camp grounds.

Club Camp Committee, Office of Cooperative Extension Work: G. E. Farrell, Chairman; R. C. Foster and Florence E. Ward, Eastern States; I. W. Hill and Ola Powell Malcolm, Southern States; Madge J. Reese, Western States; R. A. Turner, Central States; and Gertrude L. Warren.



HOT FROM THE GRIDDLE

Virginia reports that the number of 4-H club camps and short courses held in 1927 and the total attendance at these events breaks former records. A summary of all short courses, including county, district, and State, shows that there were 23 of these, and the total attendance of club members and local leaders was 2,685.



Lloyd Majure, Union, Neshoba County, Miss., a 4-H pig-club boy, exhibited his pig in "open competition" at the following fairs the past fall: Kentucky State; Tennessee State; East Tennessee Fair at Chattanooga; South-Eastern Fair, Atlanta, Ga; and the Mississippi-Alabama Fair, Meridian, Miss., and won first prize at each place, except at the Kentucky State Fair, where he won second in his class.



Geo. M. Harris, Winona, Miss., a 4-H pig-club boy, produced the State champion ton-litter in Mississippi in 1927. His litter weighed 3,521 pounds and sold for \$10.50 per hundredweight. Total feed cost from date of farrow to date of sale was \$195.15. Net profit, including \$175 cash prizes won, \$550.60.



The third State 4-H club corn show was held at the College of Agriculture, Urbana, Ill., on January 9. Sixty 10-ear samples, 20 single-ear samples, and four 1-peck samples were exhibited. Nineteen counties were represented at the show. This show is the culmination of the corn-club work which was carried on in 37 counties in Illinois, with 1,576 members enrolled. Of these members, 35.1 per cent or 1,500 of them completed their projects. The entries in the State show are limited to 10 per cent of the enrollment. Counties are, therefore, limited in the number of samples which they may send to this show and they usually select the samples sent in through elimination at local and county shows. The champion 10 ears were exhibited by Doris Rentschler, a Logan County club girl who has been in the work for three years. Only 147 girls were enrolled in this project.



Ralph and Robert Fenster, of Stepney, Fairfield County, Conn., made an average labor income of more than \$4 per hen on their poultry flock last year.

Hot from the Griddle (continued)

The Demorest Sutton Memorial Cup, a trophy awarded annually to the club in Fairfield County, Conn., making the best all-round record of performance, was won this year by the Stitch-in-Time Hustlers of Long Hill, Conn. This cup was provided in 1924 as a memorial to an outstanding club member of New Canaan.



Albemarle County, Va., club members have found that a window display featuring a sale of items ranging in price from 10 cents to \$1.50 about two weeks before Christmas is a very successful way of earning club money. Remnants are obtained during the year and sewing-club members make laundry bags, guest and kitchen towels, bags, aprons, pan-holders, and underclothes. Canning-club members make up fancy pint and half-pint preserve and pickle jars during the canning season which also are put on sale. They have been giving such a sale for the last five years. They find also that if dinners are served for two days during the busy shopping season that it is a good source of profit.



CHICKENS GO SOUTH FOR THE WINTER

Hazel Sisson, a 4-H poultry club member of Cayuga County, N. Y., is taking her poultry with her to Florida, where she will spend the winter. The Florida club folks will help her rear them in "Florida style" during the winter, and then she will bring the birds or some of their chicks back with her next spring and thus get in a full year's club work.



In the Minnesota ton-litter contest, out of 40 enrollments making the ton or more from the litters, 20 were club members; out of the first 18 making more than 2,475 pounds to the litter, 11 were club members. Although a club member failed to win the championship, Milo Bieder and Arthur Bohnsack, both of Scott County, won second and third places, respectively.

Hot from the Griddle (continued)

Two 4-H club boys and one girl had a place on the speakers' platform at the annual convention of the county fair circuit of Minnesota, held at St. Paul, January 10 and 11. Theodore Fenske, of Bemidji, spoke on "How 4-H Club Work Helps Farm Boys and Girls"; Mildred Bennett, Owatonna, on "My Experience as a 4-H Club Member"; and Walter Blakeslee, Spring Valley, on "How 4-H Club Work Helps to make Better Communities." Placing junior speakers on the speaking program for the first time is indicative of the progress made by the boys and girls clubs, which in the last five years have become a major unit in the county expositions.

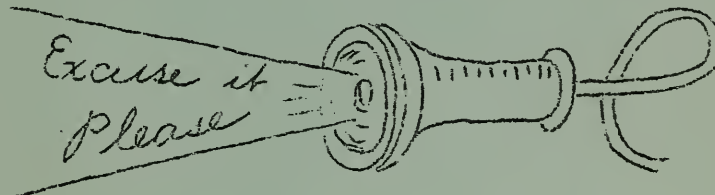


Sixty Minnesota farm boys and girls were guests of the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Dispatch at the annual Minnesota Poultry Show at the St. Paul Auditorium January 21 to 24. The juniors showed more than 500 birds this year. Eighty of the 88 counties in Minnesota had 4-H poultry clubs in 1927, with a total enrollment of 3,300.



Irving Brant, a 15-year-old orphan boy, entered the dairy-calf club in Polk County, Wis., in April, 1927. Beginning with a scrub calf, he promptly moved over into the purebred class, carrying off prizes in both club and open classes the first year of his showing. He carried his enthusiasm for club work with him to a meeting of the county board of supervisors and County Agent H. R. Richardson credits him as having been a strong factor in influencing this board to finance the building of a new barn for calf-club members at the county fair grounds.

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Due to an "un-caught-up" typographical error, the January CLUB LEADER stated that out of 1,931 boys and girls enrolled in Ashtabula County, Ohio, 939 completed their projects. The facts are, 939 out of 1,031 completed. We have been informed that "If the enrollment had been 1,931 with 939 finishing, you would never have heard of it." Also, that the Ohio State average percentage of completions is 81.5 per cent.

Scholarships



Marie Antrim, national health champion, was recently presented with an endowment for her scholarship fund by the Kingman, Kansas, Chamber of Commerce at a birthday dinner given by that organization in her honor. Approximately 120 4-H club members of Kingman County were at the dinner, which was followed by a program to which the public was invited.



Pierce Adams, of Bruno, Ark., a 17-year-old club boy, won the \$400 scholarship to the College of Agriculture, University of Arkansas, offered by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau to members of boys' corn clubs in Arkansas. Fourteen boys entered the contest, but only half of them were able to complete the work because of spring floods.

A yield of 99.42 bushels of corn on a measured acre won the contest for him. The cost of production was \$20.81, which included the boy's time at 15 cents per hour; horse labor at 10 cents per hour; cost of fertilizer; cost of seed; and rent of land. The crop was valued at \$84.61, leaving a net profit of \$63.80.

Pierce is now enrolled in the College of Agriculture, University of Arkansas.



Ralph Johnson, of Livingston County, and James Porteus, of Otsego County, New York, two 4-H dairy-club boys, have been awarded scholarships of \$50 each by the Grange League Federation Exchange to study dairying at the winter short courses at the College of Agriculture at Cornell this winter. The awards were based on their records in dairy clubs, their school training, activity in their local club, and on their part in local, town, State, interstate, or national contests as members of dairy judging or demonstration teams, or as exhibitors of club animals.

OUR COLLEGINES



Fairfield County, Conn., points proudly to the number of former 4-H club members who are attending institutions of higher learning. More than 20 former 4-H club members from this county are at present students at the Connecticut Agricultural College at Storrs. Former 4-H club members from this county are students at many colleges and universities, among them being Yale, Harvard, Brown, West Point, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Pratt Institute, Catholic University, Connecticut College for Women.



An organization, known as the O. A. M. C. 4-H club, open only to former club members who have done two or more years work as club members and who have been outstanding in some particular phase of club work, is maintained by students at the Oklahoma A. & M. College. The purpose of the organization is to give ex-club members means for continued contact with their former work and to utilize in some respects the spirit and interest developed when they were club members.



In Minnesota, the students at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, have a Gopher 4-H Club made up of former club members. The students enrolled for the course in agriculture at University Farm, St. Paul, have a 4-H club organization which has a leadership group that meets every two weeks for leadership training under the direction of State club leaders and other specialists.



There is an association of former 4-H club members at the College of Agriculture, Lincoln, Nebr. The members make themselves useful at the time of annual club week at which time they put on an evening program. They also help out at the time of the State fair and other gatherings in which club members are especially interested.



Wisconsin University folks have a Badger 4-H Club made up of former club members who are now enrolled in agricultural and home-economics subjects.



Michigan has an organization at State College which meets only occasionally during the year. The members help out particularly during annual club week and other club events at the college.

in the magazine world

The "Kossuth Bubbler," publication of the Kossuth County, Iowa, 4-H clubs, is issued each month by the local leader of a different club. The schedule for editing the "Bubbler" was given in the November number with instructions to club members to have their club news items at the right place and at the right time - i.e., promptly on the first day of each month. This same paper calls its page on odds and ends, "Club Stew Pot."



The December number of the "Fairfield County Farm Bureau Exchange," published at Danbury, Conn., was a 12-page 4-H club issue, featuring club work in Fairfield County. It carried 21 club illustrations and county club news.



The "Sedgwick Clover Leaf" is the title of a comparatively new publication which is being issued monthly at the farm bureau office in Wichita, Kans. It gives official news of boys and girls 4-H club in Sedgwick County.



The first issue of the "Bi-weekly County 4-H News," edited by Flora J. Coutts, county club agent, Orleans County, Vt., has been received by the CLUB LEADER.



The Kiwanis Magazine ran a picture of the Pocahontas County, W. Va., 4-H club camp, in its December issue.



The Rhode Island club paper runs an "Answers to Questions Often Asked" column, answering queries like these:

Is it necessary to follow the exact program for meetings given in the leader's manual and secretary's record book?

Should members score their own work for the record books?

What are the duties of assistant leaders?

Should the singing at club meetings consist only of 4-H club songs?



In Massachusetts, beginning this year, the State 4-H club news writing champion will go to Camp Gilbert along with State champions in other lines of endeavor. Each club may choose a reporter whose duty and privilege it will be to write the club news for local and county papers. Rules for the contest were sent out to each club in January from the State club leader and the extension editor. Winners in the contest will be chosen on the following points:

- (a) Quality of news stories; quality of stories to be based on points given in the news-writing lessons.
- (b) Number of news stories sent to the club agent or number of clippings showing the number of stories accepted by the paper.
- (c) Neatness in all stories, whether sent to the club agent or to the local paper.
- (d) Promptness in reporting all meetings and activities of the club.

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The highest scoring individual girls' team at Camp Plummer, Portland, Oreg., October 30 to November 5, was given in the December CLUB LEADER as representing Multnomah County, Oreg. The two girls carrying off this coveted honor are Doris Downs and Helen Rand of the City of Portland. Because Portland has taken so much interest in club work and the rest of Multnomah County is equally enthusiastic, two extension agents are required for club work, one giving time to Portland clubs, individually financed, and the other to Multnomah County, exclusive of Portland. The highest scoring individual girls' team at the 1927 Camp Plummer represented the City of Portland clubs.

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In 1927, Blair County Pa., boys and girls had a "Rainbow" club, consisting of 157 members, which planted vegetables and flower gardens as part of a county-wide "Better Blair" movement sponsored by civic and service clubs.



Those Chick-ens again!

Chickens of club members in Catawba County, N. C., duly recorded in County Agent J. W. Hendricks' poultry-club book for 1927, are surely entitled to cackle or crow long and loud according to their wont. In his book Mr. Hendricks follows the career of 115 club members' flocks. What these birds did in response to the care their owners gave them is tersely told by the totals at the end of the book. They brought, where sold for breeding purposes, \$749.25. Where sold on the local market, they cashed in for \$2,924.33. They brought home \$1,213.10 prize money from the fairs. They laid \$4,269.45 worth of eggs sold on the local market and \$957.20 worth of eggs sold for hatching. Feed and new stock during the year cost \$4,836.58.

Altogether these young Catawba County poultrymen made a clear profit of \$5,276.75 and have on hand 4,487 birds which they value at \$6,494.50. By comparing records of the last two years, Mr. Hendricks finds the average size of club members' flocks increased from 25 in 1926 to 39 in 1927, and there were 37 more flocks last year. Eleven of the club members had flocks of from 100 to 200 birds on January 1 of this year. Mr. Hendricks' system of record keeping which gives the important facts relating to the work of each boy and girl as long as he or she is a club member has been described in a previous issue of the CLUB LEADER.

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"NEBRASKA BUILDERS - State Fair Winners of 4-H Club Work, 1927," proclaims a 25 by 38 poster issued by Nebraska State Extension Service, Lincoln. To back up the statement are pictures of Nebraska's champion home demonstration and farm demonstration teams and the champion dairy-club demonstration team taken in action; producers of grand and reserve champion baby beeves of Guernsey, Jersey, and Holstein heifers, and of Chester Whites, Poland Chinas, and Duroc-Jerseys, with the winning animals; the champion fat heifer in what is claimed to be the first show of this kind in the world(!!!); champion beef cattle, dairy cattle, and hog showmen; champion judges of livestock, dairy cattle, weeds, foods, clothing; the style show champion, the health champions and -- But you're convinced by this time, aren't you? Just for good measure, State Club Agent Frishie adds a few typical State fair 4-H scenes and a bit of information for the rara avis who does not know what it is all about. Cuts which the Lincoln newspapers ran during the State fair were used in making up the poster. Several thousand copies were printed and used by the county extension agents.

THE GAUNTLET CLUB

This Month's Challenges

For 15 years they've done it, sir, beat the State average in corn growing, these Arkansas 4-H'ers. Nine of these 15 years their average per acre yield has been considerably more than twice that of their elders; then one year they lacked 3 bushels of doubling the State average, another year it was only 1 bushel less than twice as large, and the other four years the State CLUB average was but fractions of a bushel less than two times as much as the State adult average. Might as well say the youngsters doubled every time.

State Club Agent W. J. Jernigan modestly refrains from comment other than to opine that the constant gain made by the boys shows that "our system of record keeping by the boys is about as accurate as that used by other branches of the Government in securing statistics."



Georgia's State Boys' Club Agent, G. V. Cunningham,
posts this 1927 record -

3,100	pounds of seed cotton from 1 acre	- Thomas Strickland, Franklin County.
2,930	" " " " " "	- J. S. Echols, Madison County.
2,770	" " " " " "	- B. F. Johns, Paulding County.
2,550	" " " " " "	- W. E. Ledbetter, Lamar County.
2,534	" " " " " "	- Elbert Bowman, Haralson County.
2,380	" " " " " "	- Kelly Norton, Chattooga County.
2,200	" " " " " "	- Cooper Kemp, Cobb County.
2,005	" " " " " "	- Wilmer White, Butte County.
1,987	" " " " " "	- Joe Sellars, Stephens County.

182	bushels of corn from 1 acre	- Frank Crew, Paulding County.
147.7	" " " " " "	- Cap Mallard, Jr., Bullock County.
127.5	" " " " " "	- E. J. Davis, Camden County.
124.7	" " " " " "	- Sanford Farmer, Stephens County.
116.5	" " " " " "	- Frank Gaines, Troup County.
103	" " " " " "	- Hugh Brannen, Bullock County.



The Gauntlet Club (continued)

Mississippi club boys, says State Boys' Club Agent James E. Tanner, have made for the past five years an average annual per acre yield of 45.9 bushels of corn while the State average is 15.24 bushels; 385.34 pounds of lint cotton against the State's 188.4 pounds; and 183.4 bushels of sweet potatoes where the grown folks produced 91 bushels.



BY RADIO

What: Talks by club members, local leaders, and members of the State club staff.

Why: To show how the 4-H clubs provide a program in agriculture and home making for the rural boy and girl.

Where: Station WKAR (285.5 Metres-1,000 Watts) Michigan State College.

When: 7.15 to 7.25 p.m. on Mondays from now on through April 16.

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John Visny, of Newtown, Fairfield County, Conn., recently appeared before the House Committee on Agriculture at the United States Capitol at the hearings on the Capper-Ketcham Bill and told the members of the committee what club work has meant to him and to the community in which he lives. This is not John's first legislative experience, as he has expressed his views to his State legislative body, but as he said, "I didn't expect to get to Congress quite so soon."

Viola Yoder, of Cumberland, Allegany County, Md., and Mrs. D. B. Phillips, local club leader from Forestville, Hamilton County, Ohio, also appeared before the committee.



C A L E N D A R

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| ILLINOIS | - University Junior Club Tour,
Urbana, June 6, 7, 8. |
| INDIANA | - Annual 4-H Club Round-up,
May 1 - 5, La Fayette. |
| NEBRASKA | - Annual 4-H Club Week,
May 28 - June 2, Lincoln. |
| RHODE ISLAND | - Camp Edwards, Sixth Annual
State 4-H Camp, Kingston,
June 25 - 30. |
| WISCONSIN | - 4-H Club Leadership Conference,
January 31 - February 3, Madison. |

Thirty-six Mississippi counties engaged in club work have a county executive committee which is composed of the presidents and secretaries of the several community 4-H clubs in the county. This committee meets quarterly - January, April, July, and October - on the call of the county agents, and plans county-wide club activities. The committee also assists the county agents and local club leaders to carry into effect plans formulated.

A county 4-H leaders' council, composed of the home demonstration agent and the county agent, the county superintendent of education, and the two adult club leaders of the several community 4-H clubs of the county, usually meets in conjunction with the meetings of the county executive committee. The meetings of the various county executive committees, and the county 4-H leaders' councils, are planned and dates so arranged that one of the State club staff may attend and take part in and direct the deliberations of each body.



Eighty-eight banks in New York State helped 4-H clubs financially, one way or another, during 1927.

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